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Happy Holidays!

This is a Communication Newsletter for the volunteers that participate in the Adopt A Road program! Help us save paper and

expenses by sending your email address to mcdot.outreach@montgomerycountymd.gov

News, Updates and Reminders

You can process your own service request online! You can arrange for trash pick up 24/7 by submitting a service request on the MC311 website [CLICK HERE](#) or you can call 311 Monday thru Friday between 7:00am - 5:00pm.

When Collecting Recyclables. For those groups who separate recyclable materials from the litter and debris picked up need to take these recyclables and empty into their own blue recycle bin at home for recycling collection.

Please Help Us Monitor Trash Levels In The Region

When you report your cleanings, please tell us how many bags you collect - it will provide a vital source of data which will be used in part to measure progress on the [Trash Free Potomac Watershed](#) Initiative.

Reminder**

When you report the total number of bags picked up make sure to identify what type of bags used (example; tall kitchen bag, our orange bag, leaf/lawn black bag, etc.)

Send your report by email to mcdot.outreach@montgomerycountymd.gov make sure to include the date, the group and name of road that was cleaned.

See Graffiti?

What You Can Expect When It Snows?



County Snow fighters begin their job as soon as snow is predicted. They pre-treat major roads with

salt brine, a solution of salt and water, before the snow begins to fall. Salt brine prevents ice and frost from forming and makes snow removal easier. The use of salt brine also reduces the amount of salt needed to treat pavement after following the snowfall.

During the snowfall, about 1,000 lane 9miles of primary (arterial roads connecting subdivisions or business districts) and secondary roads (main collector streets through subdivisions) are continuously treated and kept in "bare pavement" condition. This ensures that, incase of an emergency, every County resident is within one-half mile of a cleared road. As snow accumulations reach 3 inches, plowing operations begin and all attention remains focused on primary roads to ensure emergency access.

[When It Snows..](#)(PDF | 800KB) A handy guide that explains the County's snow removal action plan and lists useful snowstorm contacts.

For delays, closings and other information visit: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/snow

MCDOT Has Deployed its New Storm Management Operations Map

County Executive Leggett has announced the launch of a new online tool that will make it easier for you to decide when to safely venture out following a snowstorm.



The map tool (click above screen shot) shows the

Contact Graffiti Abatement Partners, Inc. 301-607-4722 or email kpaunil1@verizon.net. Be sure to report the exact location of where you saw the graffiti.

Questions or concerns about the Adopt A Road Program? Call 240-777-7155 or [Email Us](#)



[Recycle Your Tree and Other Information](#) an - December 27, 2010 through February 4, 2011



progress of snow plows throughout the County and indicates when emergency routes, primary roads, and neighborhood streets have been cleared. Its zoom feature allows you to focus on the plow status in your neighborhood. Then you can zoom out to check your entire route. [Read more...](#)

Important Contact Numbers

Here are contacts you might find useful in the course of your cleaning activities.

Removal of Downed Trees/Limbs. Trees that have fallen on sidewalks or personal property please call 311. Trees fallen on utility lines report to your local utility company.

Recycling Questions:

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling

Call 311 For:

Illegal Dumping, Storm Drainage Maintenance, Special Trash Pick Up, Ride On, Potholes, Resurfacing & Paving, Streetlights, Traffic Signals, Lane Markings, Residential Parking Issues, Traffic Calming, Down or Damaged Traffic/Street Name Signs, Leaf Vacuuming and Illegal Posted Signs.

Report animal carcasses along a County road to Montgomery County Animal Shelter at 240-777-5960; On a State road in western portion of County call 301-948-2477, in eastern portion of County call 301-572-5166.

Top Cleaning Groups Among Those Reporting Will Be Announced in January

We've got a series of recognitions in January for those volunteer groups who reported the highest number of trash bags collected along a roadside for September, October and November months.
